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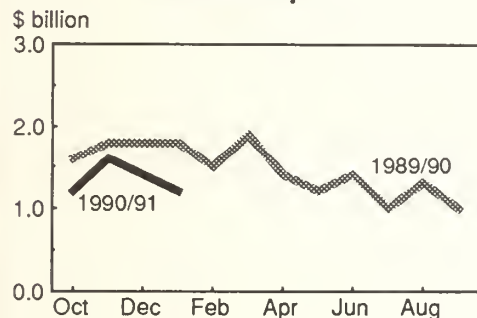
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U.S. Agricultural Trade Update

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Trade Surplus



Agricultural Trade Surplus

Reduced - The agricultural trade surplus fell 5 percent in January to \$1.3 billion. Exports increased only slightly from December, but imports rose \$120 million to \$1.9 billion. The cumulative trade surplus for October 1990 to January 1991 totaled \$5.5 billion, 21 percent below last year (see table 3).

January Exports Rose - U.S. agricultural exports totaled \$3.2 billion in January, a slight increase from December. Increased shipments of wheat, corn, cotton, and soybeans accounted for the rise. Seasonally lower exports were reported for tobacco, live animals, and fruits and vegetables. Export value dropped slightly from January 1990. October-January exports totaled \$13 billion, 10 percent below the previous year.

As in December, *corn* recorded the largest shipments in January. A total of 3.7 million tons were shipped, at a value of \$396 million. The USSR once again became one of the largest markets after importing less than 600 thousand tons during July-December 1990. The Soviet Union and Japan each took over 1 million tons. Taiwan remained a large market, although shipments declined again in January.

Soybean export volume rose only 5 percent from December, to 1.6 million tons and \$360 million. Increased shipments went to the European Community, Japan, and Mexico. January 1991 soybean exports were down 24 percent in volume from January 1990.

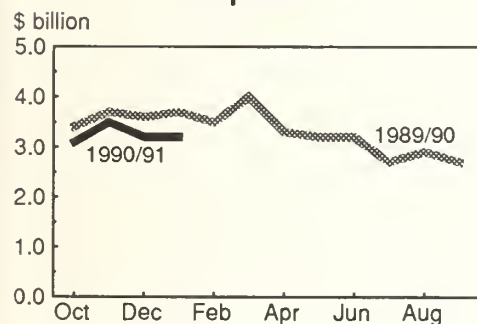
The value of *wheat* exports increased 5 percent in January. Shipments rose 274 thousand tons, and \$8 million. January wheat

exports totaled 1.8 million tons and \$188 million, with the lowest export unit value in nearly 3 years. The major markets for U.S. wheat were China, Japan, and the Philippines. Egypt, Algeria, and Korea also were large purchasers.

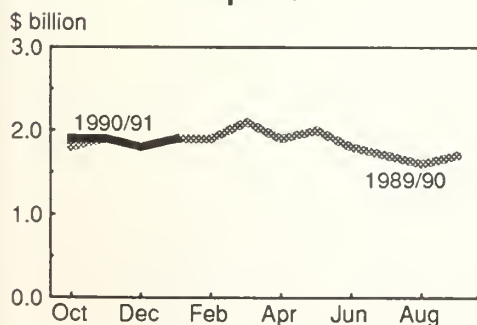
Cotton export value increased 29 percent from December. Shipments in January totaled 216,000 tons and \$364 million. Shipments also rose 13 percent from last January. Tightened global supplies contributed to the increased demand for U.S. cotton. The major markets for U.S. cotton in January were Japan, Korea, China, and the European Community.

Agricultural Imports Also Rose - U.S. imports of agricultural commodities rose \$120 million in January to \$1.9 billion. The value of January 1991 imports was 5 percent lower than for 1990. Seasonally higher imports of fresh fruits, vegetables, and coffee contributed to the increase. (Susan Pollack, 202-219-0822)

Exports



Imports



Export Credit Guarantees

Lower in FY 1990 - Approvals of credit guarantees for agricultural products under the GSM-102 and GSM-103 programs totaled \$4 billion in FY 1990, 18 percent less than FY 1989's record level. Feed grains, wheat and flour, and oilseeds remained the principal commodities exported under the GSM programs. Mexico, Algeria, Korea, and Iraq were the primary destinations under credit guaranteed programs (table 4). Exports under the programs during fiscal 1991 also will likely be lower. (Karen Ackerman, 202-219-0821).

Table 1--U.S. agricultural exports: Quantity and value by commodity

Commodity group and unit	October-January				January			
	Thousand Units		\$ Thousands		Thousand units		\$ Thousands	
	1989/90	1990/91	1989/90	1990/91	1990	1991	1990	1991
Total agricultural exports (NA)	--	--	14,361,716	12,964,884	--	--	3,758,465	3,218,072
Animals and animal products (NA)	--	--	2,153,514	2,309,025	--	--	520,133	570,637
Animals live - excl poultry (NA)	--	--	183,622	244,530	--	--	35,288	44,408
Cattle and calves - live (NO)	45	48	33,517	36,013	11	14	7,264	10,108
Horses, mules, burros-live (NO)	20	26	132,004	188,894	8	6	22,701	29,291
Swine - live (NO)	28	33	4,183	5,182	13	16	1,043	1,671
Sheep and lambs, live (NO)	131	191	3,990	6,416	31	51	1,026	1,646
Other live animals (NA)	--	--	9,928	8,026	--	--	3,254	1,691
Meats and meat products (MT)	315	304	775,017	919,369	70	80	188,330	231,665
Beef and veal (MT)	133	124	450,495	574,909	26	33	108,475	147,660
Beef and veal - fresh or froz (MT)	129	121	440,152	563,321	25	32	106,430	145,036
Beef - prepared or preserved (MT)	3	3	10,343	11,588	1	1	2,045	2,624
Horsemeat-fresh, chill, froz (MT)	19	20	46,450	56,414	4	4	10,978	12,638
Pork (MT)	37	30	128,741	114,156	9	8	29,197	28,273
Pork - fresh or frozen (MT)	31	24	115,824	98,975	7	6	26,658	24,835
Pork - prep or pres (MT)	5	5	12,918	15,181	1	1	2,539	3,438
Variety meats, edible offals (MT)	83	93	116,959	136,235	20	23	31,169	32,361
Other meats - fresh or prep (MT)	44	38	32,372	37,656	12	13	8,511	10,733
Poultry and poultry products (NA)	--	--	251,501	321,538	--	--	61,441	78,255
Poultry - live (NA)	--	--	27,517	32,879	--	--	6,359	6,876
Baby chicks (NO)	10,961	16,563	23,064	28,579	2,532	3,506	5,011	5,988
Other live poultry (NA)	--	--	4,453	4,300	--	--	1,349	888
Poultry meats (MT)	163	213	182,626	239,152	36	53	45,341	59,684
Chickens - fresh or froz (MT)	144	185	150,149	189,606	32	47	35,922	48,136
Turkeys - fresh or frozen (MT)	6	11	9,259	16,621	1	3	2,385	3,892
Other poultry - fresh or froz (MT)	5	4	5,205	5,369	1	1	1,344	1,322
Poultry meats - prep or pres (MT)	8	13	18,013	27,556	2	3	5,689	6,333
Feathers and downs, crude (MT)	0	0	8,119	6,558	0	0	2,821	898
Eggs (NA)	--	--	33,238	42,950	--	--	6,919	10,797
Dairy products (NA)	--	--	104,682	72,538	--	--	18,338	18,998
Evap & condensed milk (MT)	1	1	788	765	0	0	255	69
Nonfat dry milk (MT)	8	1	11,275	2,182	1	0	1,802	545
Butter & anhydrous milkfat (MT)	9	3	25,140	4,049	1	1	1,596	796
Cheese (MT)	4	4	8,668	12,390	1	1	2,016	2,787
Whey, fluid or dried (NA)	--	--	9,902	17,395	--	--	2,709	5,624
Other dairy products (NA)	--	--	48,909	35,758	--	--	9,959	9,176
Fats, oils, and greases (MT)	455	353	164,909	126,806	96	84	34,716	31,625
Lard (MT)	15	19	7,076	9,222	4	4	1,865	1,954
Tallow - inedible (MT)	363	271	125,972	89,596	70	59	24,410	20,206
Other animal fats & oils (MT)	77	63	31,861	27,988	22	21	8,440	9,465
Hides and skins, incl furs (NA)	--	--	580,952	522,294	--	--	156,797	142,769
Cattle hides - whole (NO)	8,698	7,767	451,161	422,048	2,264	2,087	114,718	113,364
Other cattle hides - pieces (NA)	--	--	14,165	6,821	--	--	3,358	1,431
Other hides & skins, ex furs (NA)	--	--	68,871	75,699	--	--	19,430	18,550
Furskins (NA)	--	--	46,754	17,726	--	--	19,292	9,424
Mink pelts (NO)	922	792	27,220	10,886	408	613	10,157	6,266
Other furskins (NA)	--	--	19,535	6,840	--	--	9,137	3,157
Wool and mohair (MT)	3	2	16,032	6,347	1	1	5,463	1,449
Sausage casings (MT)	4	6	12,369	12,177	1	2	2,503	3,162
Bull semen (NA)	--	--	21,317	17,773	--	--	3,951	2,600
Misc animal prods - other (NA)	--	--	43,112	65,651	--	--	13,305	15,706
Grains and feeds (MT)	42,103	30,376	5,751,837	3,918,562	10,678	7,452	1,482,890	942,252
Wheat, unmilled (MT)	8,656	7,718	1,407,340	869,602	2,132	1,809	346,663	187,620
Wheat flour (MT)	369	276	84,892	53,562	96	52	22,169	10,315
Bulgar wheat (MT)	10	4	1,538	777	2	2	533	437
Other wheat products (MT)	5	9	4,793	9,030	1	2	1,156	2,273
Rice-paddy, milled, parboiled (MT)	1,053	1,010	346,325	286,041	246	170	82,105	50,690
Feed grains and products (MT)	27,931	17,155	3,133,731	1,847,726	7,065	4,272	807,539	464,392
Feed grains (MT)	27,801	17,017	3,090,695	1,809,148	7,033	4,213	796,597	450,094
Barley (MT)	347	890	66,750	89,386	131	116	16,501	11,750
Corn (MT)	24,517	14,278	2,722,717	1,528,144	6,060	3,671	686,717	395,683
Grain sorghums (MT)	2,734	1,844	300,712	191,028	841	425	93,262	42,531
Oats (MT)	4	3	491	351	1	1	118	110
Rye (MT)	0	3	26	240	0	0	0	20
Feed grain products (MT)	129	137	43,036	38,579	32	59	10,942	14,298
Popcorn (MT)	26	26	14,684	14,663	7	6	4,286	3,461
Blended food products (MT)	53	77	16,118	22,067	25	26	7,704	7,891
Other grain products (MT)	197	204	113,482	171,039	43	54	30,951	42,305
Feeds & fodders, ex oilcake (MT)	3,804	3,897	628,933	644,055	1,060	1,058	179,783	172,869
Corn by-products (MT)	1,846	2,126	266,895	295,822	402	563	61,149	79,087
Alfalfa meal and cubes (MT)	192	178	28,713	29,068	48	49	7,275	8,083
Beet pulp (MT)	196	213	24,371	23,711	84	85	10,761	9,242
Citrus pulp pellets (MT)	150	221	16,112	24,934	135	110	14,245	13,089
Other feeds and fodders (MT)	1,420	1,160	292,842	270,521	391	250	86,352	63,368
Fruits and preps, excl juices (MT)	700	873	523,581	687,773	177	178	123,233	138,305
Fruits - fresh (MT)	580	723	357,373	501,614	147	149	82,639	103,587
Fruits - fresh citrus (MT)	267	328	160,701	198,551	82	92	43,533	60,587
Grapefruit - fresh (MT)	111	167	58,891	91,687	24	60	12,330	34,277
Lemons and limes - fresh (MT)	45	49	35,470	37,464	11	10	6,503	9,321
Oranges and tangerines-fresh (MT)	111	112	66,041	69,131	47	21	24,592	16,887
Fruits - fresh noncitrus (MT)	313	395	196,672	303,063	66	57	39,106	42,999
Apples - fresh (MT)	174	189	82,652	113,466	44	36	19,828	23,035
Grapes - fresh (MT)	57	91	57,303	94,650	2	5	3,865	5,751
Other noncitrus - fresh (MT)	81	115	56,717	94,947	19	16	15,413	14,213
Fruits - dried (MT)	69	88	110,630	116,636	19	17	28,286	21,888
Raisins - dried (MT)	36	47	57,217	60,826	12	8	16,805	10,957
Prunes - dried (MT)	30	37	46,511	46,289	6	8	9,874	9,454
Other dried fruits (MT)	3	5	6,903	9,521	1	1	1,607	1,477

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Fruits, canned, excl juice (MT)	25	30	26,348	32,035	6	7	6,033	6,357
Fruits - frozen, excl juice (MT)	10	13	9,615	11,879	2	2	1,976	1,790
Other fruits - prep or pres (MT)	16	18	19,614	25,609	3	3	4,299	4,683
Fruit juices, incl frozen (HL)	1,606	1,932	85,290	103,842	539	489	30,276	25,953
Orange juice (HL)	914	1,111	45,305	55,284	301	292	14,761	14,549
Other fruit juices (HL)	692	821	39,985	48,558	238	197	15,515	11,405
Wine (HL)	224	312	29,420	41,907	50	51	6,050	6,574
Nuts and preparations (MT)	240	236	370,636	422,342	42	45	60,378	65,690
Almonds (shelled basis) (MT)	55	78	172,745	211,608	10	14	34,338	36,107
Peanuts, shelled or prep (MT)	121	89	72,744	61,949	29	27	17,234	16,532
Walnuts, shelled/unshelled (MT)	55	50	97,001	98,486	1	1	2,822	2,891
Pecans, shelled or unshelled (MT)	1	3	4,454	10,318	0	1	1,562	3,453
Other nuts, shelled or prep (MT)	8	16	23,691	39,980	2	2	4,423	6,707
Vegetables and preparations (NA)	--	--	650,755	889,473	--	--	181,578	196,899
Vegetables - fresh (MT)	262	452	127,823	250,137	106	114	60,175	65,812
Celery - fresh (MT)	26	37	9,893	14,283	11	11	5,240	4,517
Cauliflower - fresh (MT)	16	19	8,818	14,386	7	7	3,814	4,515
Lettuce - fresh (MT)	61	105	24,321	51,285	21	26	11,295	12,606
Onions - fresh (MT)	49	78	13,043	23,753	13	13	4,261	5,319
Potatoes - fresh (MT)	16	18	5,989	7,556	8	6	3,199	2,732
Tomatoes - fresh (MT)	25	49	18,136	30,906	6	13	6,409	8,105
Other fresh vegetables (MT)	70	144	47,622	107,968	40	37	25,957	28,018
Vegetables - frozen (MT)	99	96	76,330	79,682	26	21	21,124	17,109
Corn, sweet, frozen (MT)	20	19	16,061	16,280	5	4	4,055	3,535
Potatoes - frozen (MT)	58	54	40,052	40,778	15	11	10,887	8,818
Other frozen vegetables (MT)	21	23	20,217	22,623	6	5	6,182	4,756
Vegetables - canned (MT)	69	85	62,302	78,039	17	18	14,494	16,942
Pulses (MT)	259	335	144,031	177,391	51	51	25,388	24,360
Dried beans (MT)	188	287	118,065	155,278	37	37	20,515	18,033
Dried peas (MT)	53	30	17,136	12,761	11	11	3,328	4,696
Dried lentils (MT)	18	19	8,829	9,352	3	3	1,545	1,631
Hops, incl hop extract (MT)	6	3	35,220	26,567	1	0	4,075	3,951
Other veg - prep or pres (NA)	--	--	205,048	277,658	--	--	56,321	68,726
Oilseeds and products (MT)	10,199	7,704	2,517,675	1,960,581	2,738	2,148	674,383	533,977
Oilcake and meal (MT)	1,643	1,631	365,896	329,841	522	444	115,482	86,460
Soybean meal (MT)	1,619	1,513	361,407	315,125	516	416	114,399	83,008
Other oilcake and meal (MT)	24	118	4,489	14,716	6	27	1,083	3,452
Oilseeds (MT)	8,136	5,763	1,905,450	1,408,877	2,111	1,621	495,268	388,264
Soybeans (MT)	7,965	5,600	1,797,896	1,295,125	2,076	1,580	471,802	359,716
Sunflowerseeds (MT)	43	43	22,325	23,717	13	8	6,864	4,688
Peanuts, incl oilstock (MT)	31	26	21,838	17,311	5	4	3,638	2,620
Other oilseeds (MT)	74	63	21,222	20,566	12	21	4,360	8,335
Protein substances (MT)	24	31	42,170	52,158	5	8	8,604	12,905
Vegetable oils (MT)	420	310	246,328	221,863	106	84	63,633	59,252
Soybean oil (MT)	185	77	88,836	50,118	43	13	21,866	9,220
Cottonseed oil (MT)	64	40	29,484	18,047	16	6	7,156	2,376
Sunflower oil (MT)	56	61	29,033	32,189	18	33	9,275	16,366
Corn oil (MT)	60	77	36,416	52,606	15	16	9,106	11,352
Other veg oils & waxes (MT)	56	56	62,561	68,903	13	16	16,230	19,937
Tobacco - unmanufactured (MT)	88	94	520,491	596,595	20	20	121,826	116,048
Tobacco - light air-cured (MT)	7	8	41,952	54,093	3	4	16,297	23,310
Tobacco - flue cured (MT)	65	69	414,496	465,123	13	11	86,110	71,178
Other tobacco - unmanufactured (MT)	17	16	64,042	77,379	4	5	19,419	21,560
Cotton, excluding linters (MT)	566	622	930,504	1,052,550	191	216	320,524	363,617
Cotton linters (MT)	15	12	6,061	5,253	5	3	2,085	1,220
Essential oils (MT)	5	4	60,497	60,072	2	1	18,924	17,506
Seeds - field and garden (MT)	190	174	248,373	265,728	72	70	86,936	94,955
Sugar and tropical products (MT)	--	--	273,601	334,929	--	--	69,768	73,856
Sugar and related prods (MT)	--	--	119,102	175,685	--	--	29,141	37,121
Sugar - cane or beet (MT)	155	190	61,788	76,106	25	42	10,134	17,654
Related sugar prods (MT)	--	--	57,314	99,578	--	--	19,007	19,466
Coffee (MT)	6	6	38,947	30,944	1	1	9,609	7,667
Cocoa (MT)	5	9	13,099	21,720	2	2	4,814	3,789
Chocolate and preparations (MT)	22	19	68,146	68,759	5	4	16,702	14,751
Tea and mate' (MT)	3	3	12,219	13,355	1	1	3,610	3,519
Spices (MT)	3	5	8,691	12,312	1	1	3,299	3,602
Rubber - crude natural (MT)	7	6	12,232	10,933	2	2	2,417	2,854
Other misc veg prods (MT)	10	11	89,495	111,215	3	3	17,819	24,879
Nursery and greenhouse products (NA)	--	--	43,847	60,479	--	--	14,988	15,341
Beverages, excl juices (NA)	--	--	106,140	144,560	--	--	26,675	30,361
Selected non-ag exports (NA)	--	--	3,710,581	4,978,102	--	--	886,011	1,325,026
Fertilizers (NA)	--	--	787,984	979,494	--	--	200,045	257,901
Fish and shellfish (MT)	167	210	512,624	729,845	40	58	110,102	171,166
Fish - fresh or prepared (MT)	118	142	263,711	383,535	30	34	61,935	104,267
Shellfish (MT)	33	46	194,454	298,956	8	10	35,678	52,825
Other fish products (MT)	15	22	54,459	47,354	3	13	12,488	14,074
Agricultural chemicals (MT)	76	68	418,335	413,307	21	20	119,599	135,027
Fungicides (MT)	8	7	61,930	67,927	2	2	19,407	17,328
Herbicides (MT)	35	19	195,857	157,024	9	6	52,171	56,799
Insecticides (MT)	13	17	56,142	72,331	4	4	19,477	21,119
Other pesticides (MT)	20	24	104,405	116,025	6	7	28,544	39,780
Farm machinery (NA)	--	--	619,436	594,788	--	--	159,420	151,794
Tractors & self-prop mach (NO)	10	7	209,017	187,277	3	2	45,598	40,602
Other ag machinery & parts (NA)	--	--	410,419	407,511	--	--	113,822	111,192
Tobacco - manufactured (NA)	--	--	1,372,202	2,260,668	--	--	296,846	609,137

Preliminary data. NA = Not available. Zeroes in quantity columns represent none or less than 500 units.

Table 2--U.S. agricultural imports: Quantity and value by commodity

Commodity and unit	October-January				January			
	Thousand units		Thousand dollars		Thousand units		Thousand dollars	
	1989/90	1990/91	1989/90	1990/91	1990	1991	1990	1991
Total agricultural imports (NA)	--	--	7,445,909	7,564,737	--	--	2,021,525	1,930,201
Noncompetitive ag imports (NA)	--	--	1,853,746	1,840,533	--	--	498,585	523,885
Bananas & plantains (MT)	1,071	1,075	305,961	308,848	284	255	82,749	73,196
Coffee, incl prods (MT)	467	399	699,836	648,115	120	129	177,160	207,461
Cocoa & prods (MT)	198	210	307,204	345,539	72	67	92,660	101,405
Tea (MT)	31	29	50,787	46,858	8	9	13,646	12,466
Spices (MT)	35	39	80,988	90,895	9	12	21,948	29,374
Rubber & allied gums - crude (MT)	286	276	244,316	231,426	72	62	59,428	51,450
Silk - raw (MT)	0	0	5,459	1,636	0	0	2,154	491
Wool, unmfng - carpet (MT)	5	3	16,630	7,941	2	1	5,139	2,737
Fibers, excl cotton (MT)	30	28	14,017	13,628	8	7	3,607	3,541
Essential oils (MT)	9	6	46,813	52,608	3	1	13,455	14,312
Drugs - crude natural (MT)	22	17	81,471	92,721	12	3	26,637	27,364
Other noncompetitive imports (NA)	--	--	266	317	--	--	2	88
Competitive ag imports (NA)	--	--	5,592,163	5,724,204	--	--	1,522,940	1,406,316
Animals & prods (NA)	--	--	1,853,844	1,930,434	--	--	469,620	451,521
Animals-live, ex poultry (NO)	1,073	1,200	357,768	446,371	306	294	93,041	103,623
Cattle (NO)	705	898	297,400	387,711	181	208	76,610	91,160
Horses & mules (NO)	5	4	25,829	26,899	1	1	4,145	3,536
Swine (NO)	349	287	33,352	31,045	119	83	11,908	8,722
Sheep, live (NO)	11	9	815	622	5	2	360	199
Meats & prods, ex poultry (MT)	364	386	910,524	977,147	94	93	238,631	227,010
Beef & veal (MT)	245	257	614,448	628,574	65	64	167,972	153,803
Beef & veal - fr or froz (MT)	217	237	532,894	560,827	58	59	146,952	135,243
Beef & veal - prep or pres (MT)	28	20	81,554	67,747	7	5	21,020	18,560
Pork (MT)	100	110	250,838	304,730	24	25	60,841	63,538
Pork - fr or froz (MT)	64	75	123,348	168,939	16	17	29,230	36,624
Pork - prep or pres (MT)	36	35	127,490	135,792	9	7	31,611	26,914
Mutton goat & lamb (MT)	7	8	13,664	14,900	1	2	3,244	3,618
Mutton goat & lamb-fr/frz (MT)	7	8	13,664	14,900	1	2	3,244	3,618
Variety meats - fr or froz (MT)	4	5	6,223	9,227	1	1	1,506	2,371
Other meats - fr or froz (MT)	1	1	6,029	3,781	0	0	668	639
Other meats & prods (MT)	7	6	19,272	15,893	1	1	4,352	3,042
Poultry and prods (NA)	--	--	49,185	37,285	--	--	14,115	8,563
Poultry - live (NA)	--	--	5,945	5,309	--	--	1,844	1,065
Poultry meat (MT)	1	1	5,880	6,056	0	0	1,496	1,869
Eggs (NA)	--	--	7,559	5,309	--	--	1,797	909
Feathers & down - crude (MT)	6	4	29,802	20,612	2	1	8,978	4,720
Dairy products (NA)	--	--	335,321	280,869	--	--	67,546	53,792
Milk & cream, fr or dried (MT)	5	5	5,069	3,410	2	1	1,437	1,064
Butter & butterfat mixtures (MT)	1	1	2,404	2,484	0	0	523	273
Cheese (MT)	51	45	157,042	153,570	8	7	25,195	22,451
Casein & mixtures (MT)	32	25	150,731	94,608	7	7	34,477	23,878
Other dairy prods (NA)	--	--	20,077	26,798	--	--	5,913	6,126
Fats, oils, & greases (MT)	5	9	4,693	6,139	1	3	1,048	1,348
Hides & skins (NA)	--	--	60,226	40,037	--	--	20,159	10,921
Sheep & lamb skins (MT)	2	1	11,741	7,652	1	0	3,938	1,906
Other hides & skins (NA)	--	--	19,030	19,787	--	--	5,479	6,295
Furskins (NA)	--	--	29,455	12,598	--	--	10,762	2,719
Wool - unmfng, apparel grades (MT)	14	15	62,014	63,397	3	5	12,201	24,151
Sausage casings (MT)	4	5	16,387	16,787	1	1	4,918	5,045
Bull semen (NA)	--	--	860	888	--	--	197	284
Misc animal prods (NA)	--	--	56,864	61,516	--	--	17,763	16,786
Grains & feeds (MT)	1,234	1,274	427,524	432,667	256	238	85,476	88,592
Wheat, ex seed (MT)	160	286	25,338	33,936	27	22	3,779	2,542
Corn, unmilled (MT)	18	22	1,857	2,397	4	1	486	91
Oats, unmilled (MT)	396	255	40,764	21,993	82	42	8,452	3,278
Barley, unmilled (MT)	79	79	12,979	9,518	18	26	2,885	2,965
Rice (MT)	40	49	21,657	23,353	11	14	5,779	6,594
Biscuits & wafers (MT)	61	57	135,129	134,954	11	11	22,470	23,712
Pasta & noodles (MT)	47	50	42,394	48,861	10	11	10,014	10,783
Other grains & preps (NA)	--	--	59,882	62,792	--	--	13,550	16,576
Feeds & fodders, ex oilcake (MT)	343	355	87,524	94,863	75	84	18,061	22,053
Fruits & preps (MT)	506	517	315,699	334,076	205	190	124,450	119,527
Fruits - fr or froz (MT)	316	348	167,073	184,667	158	148	88,411	83,631
Strawberries (MT)	9	8	10,667	9,785	4	4	4,168	3,834
Apples, fresh (MT)	24	30	7,417	9,355	4	7	1,511	2,533
Citrus, fresh (MT)	37	53	9,878	16,864	9	12	2,858	3,551
Grapes, fresh (MT)	62	66	55,227	53,538	50	49	44,336	38,559
Mangoes (MT)	1	1	434	1,405	0	0	191	572
Melons (MT)	97	90	24,090	27,280	57	41	13,637	11,563
Pineapples (MT)	33	33	14,540	13,509	8	8	3,277	3,185
Other fruits - fr or froz (MT)	53	67	44,820	52,931	25	27	18,432	19,835
Fruits - prep or pres (MT)	190	169	148,626	149,409	47	43	36,038	35,896
Pineapples - canned or prep (M)	94	90	52,908	57,129	23	25	12,839	15,655
Other fruits - prep or pres (M)	96	79	95,718	92,280	24	18	23,199	20,241
Orange juice (HL)	8,062	4,168	214,736	115,726	2,632	840	73,703	17,638
Other fruit juices (HL)	4,058	5,855	94,467	136,549	1,061	1,561	25,720	36,383
Nuts & preps (MT)	58	70	135,403	191,666	12	14	29,655	40,303
Brazil nuts (MT)	3	3	6,615	5,809	0	0	671	1,021
Cashew nuts (MT)	18	22	72,311	99,979	4	6	18,153	26,309
Chestnuts (MT)	4	3	9,694	8,737	0	0	27	193
Coconut meat (MT)	19	19	15,429	15,945	5	4	3,850	3,190
Filberts (MT)	0	0	282	353	0	0	57	113
Macademia nuts (MT)	1	1	6,443	13,642	0	0	1,415	2,154
Pistachio nuts (MT)	1	0	5,198	915	0	0	1,115	259
Other nuts (MT)	12	21	19,431	46,286	3	3	4,365	7,065

Table 2--U.S. agricultural imports: Quantity and value by commodity

Commodity and unit	October-January				January			
	Thousand units		Thousand dollars		Thousand units		Thousand dollars	
	1989/90	1990/91	1989/90	1990/91	1990	1991	1990	1991
Vegetables & preps (NA)	--	--	793,914	701,936	--	--	322,371	226,232
Vegetables - fr or froz (MT)	725	620	454,743	341,829	291	239	235,091	135,189
Tomatoes (MT)	141	91	129,874	45,858	70	46	94,636	24,192
Asparagus (MT)	5	7	8,576	9,964	2	3	3,784	4,207
Beans (MT)	9	8	10,621	7,058	4	3	5,946	2,627
Carrots (MT)	33	27	6,005	7,648	8	7	1,612	2,681
Cucumbers (MT)	101	84	39,793	32,890	42	35	15,064	14,930
Eggplant (MT)	5	8	6,241	4,554	3	4	3,674	2,098
Garlic (MT)	4	2	4,199	2,318	1	1	1,510	1,533
Lettuce (MT)	7	5	2,733	2,449	5	4	1,836	1,839
Onions (MT)	44	39	24,901	37,023	18	17	8,641	13,317
Peas, incl chickpeas (MT)	17	14	18,342	12,941	5	4	8,682	5,332
Peppers (MT)	53	48	59,831	42,393	30	25	38,598	18,308
Potatoes (MT)	103	117	26,865	28,989	28	32	7,723	8,508
Squash (MT)	40	35	23,887	21,000	20	16	14,558	10,019
Other vegs - fr or froz (MT)	164	135	92,875	86,743	55	42	28,825	25,598
Vegetables-prep/pres (NA)	--	--	339,171	360,107	--	--	87,280	91,043
Olives - prep or pres (MT)	25	26	52,249	51,832	4	7	8,074	10,371
Mushrooms, canned (MT)	13	14	30,578	35,970	3	4	7,803	9,199
Hops, incl extract (MT)	3	3	14,561	12,268	3	2	12,008	7,558
Artichokes - prep (MT)	5	8	9,857	14,686	1	1	1,441	1,801
Asparagus - prep (MT)	1	0	1,013	4,415	0	0	164	94
Tomatoes, incl paste & sauce (43	31	39,794	26,362	9	7	9,016	4,796
Waterchestnuts (MT)	10	9	7,928	7,607	4	3	3,296	2,649
Beans & peas, dried (MT)	17	17	9,782	9,826	4	4	2,391	2,514
Other vegetables-prep/pres (NA)	--	--	173,409	201,142	--	--	43,087	52,061
Sugar & related prods (NA)	--	--	286,002	370,807	--	--	70,157	102,305
Sugar - cane & beet (MT)	399	567	163,676	238,156	98	178	40,403	72,862
Molasses (HL)	2,679	3,199	22,726	29,430	761	915	7,950	6,788
Confectionery prods (MT)	34	33	60,356	64,748	7	7	12,242	13,486
Other sugar & related prods (MT)	88	90	39,243	38,472	22	22	9,562	9,169
Spices (MT)	6	4	7,599	7,275	2	1	1,926	1,958
Tobacco - unmfng (MT)	57	56	170,322	178,590	13	17	40,579	53,792
Tobacco - filler (MT)	55	50	164,515	173,790	12	15	39,928	52,157
Tobacco - scrap (MT)	2	6	1,138	2,288	0	2	136	935
Other tobacco (MT)	0	0	4,669	2,511	0	0	515	700
Beverages, ex fruit juices (HL)	4,313	4,323	660,296	685,424	928	789	120,682	111,685
Wine (HL)	1,138	956	392,895	387,805	177	160	57,231	56,195
Malt beverages (HL)	2,893	3,089	247,566	276,730	671	594	57,895	52,501
Other beverages (HL)	282	277	19,835	20,890	81	36	5,557	2,989
Oilseeds & prods (MT)	728	689	342,297	318,192	193	161	85,298	76,242
Oilseeds & oilnuts (MT)	216	159	76,339	53,131	61	28	23,982	10,662
Flaxseed (MT)	57	39	18,295	8,599	12	7	3,926	1,407
Sesameseed (MT)	14	12	16,077	14,629	5	4	6,114	3,901
Other oilseeds & oilnuts (MT)	144	108	41,967	29,903	43	18	13,942	5,355
Oils & waxes-vegetable (MT)	398	417	247,409	249,013	97	104	55,395	61,720
Castor oil (MT)	16	10	14,119	9,512	0	3	311	2,403
Coconut oil (MT)	191	151	89,201	46,018	47	25	20,405	7,391
Olive oil (MT)	27	35	53,316	76,653	6	8	11,753	16,515
Palm oil (MT)	34	55	10,131	16,039	14	18	4,109	5,498
Palm kernel oil (MT)	56	49	26,129	18,466	11	18	5,053	7,010
Other vegetable oils (MT)	75	117	54,512	82,325	18	32	13,763	22,903
Oilcake & meal (MT)	114	113	18,549	16,048	35	29	5,921	3,860
Cotton, excl linters (MT)	0	0	101	126	0	0	19	126
Cotton linters (MT)	10	5	4,836	4,540	6	2	2,032	1,513
Seeds - field & garden (MT)	41	39	50,962	52,602	20	20	17,121	16,097
Cut flowers (NA)	--	--	99,774	105,330	--	--	27,524	30,448
Nursery stock, bulbs, etc. (NA)	--	--	86,820	93,468	--	--	14,457	15,226
Other vegetable prods (MT)	15	17	47,567	64,795	4	3	12,149	16,728
Selected non-ag imports (NA)	--	--	3,322,239	3,410,795	--	--	851,918	842,469
Fertilizers (MT) 1/	5,250	6,267	504,699	560,716	1,898	1,667	155,356	156,328
Potassium (MT)	2,447	2,581	206,872	199,220	907	681	72,506	54,551
Phosphate (MT)	1,306	1,707	87,339	121,913	371	462	24,667	37,940
Fish (MT)	481	442	1,783,170	1,811,094	119	118	423,694	440,044
Fish fresh or prep (MT)	331	313	861,876	904,917	91	94	232,424	260,881
Shellfish (MT)	127	113	905,966	891,437	27	22	189,290	176,737
Fish prods, other (MT)	23	16	15,328	14,740	1	2	1,980	2,426
Ag chemicals (MT)	31	25	174,196	146,635	9	6	47,729	41,186
Fungicides (MT)	4	7	12,599	18,092	1	1	3,543	3,921
Herbicides (MT)	9	7	51,182	41,941	3	2	10,734	10,523
Insecticides (MT)	1	1	9,554	8,711	1	0	3,617	4,028
Other pesticides (MT)	17	11	100,862	77,891	4	2	29,834	22,715
Farm machinery (NA)	--	--	828,268	860,904	--	--	218,001	198,972
Tractors & self-prop mach (NO)	727	534	386,016	456,524	287	129	98,634	101,797
Other ag mach & parts (NA)	--	--	442,252	404,380	--	--	118,367	97,175
Tobacco - mfg (NA)	--	--	31,905	31,446	--	--	7,138	5,938

1/ Excludes quantity data on anhydrous ammonia. All other statistics are preliminary.
 NA = Not available. Zeroes in quantity columns represent none or less than 500 units.

Table 3--U.S. agricultural trade summary (\$ Million)

Item	Nov	Dec	Jan	Year to date	Chg. fm. prev. yr.
					Percent
Agricultural exports	3,500	3,164	3,218	12,965	-9.7
Imports (c.i.f.)	1,989	1,933	2,148	8,100	-2.8
Imports (Customs val.)	1,901	1,810	1,930	7,565	1.6
Trade Balance:					
Exports minus cif imports	1,093	1,230	1,069	4,865	-19.3
Exports minus Customs valued imports	1,161	1,354	1,288	5,400	-21.9

Preliminary data.

Table 4--Export Credit Guarantees approved for principal commodities and countries, fiscal years 1989 and 1990

Commodity/Country	1988/89	1989/90	Change
		---\$ Million---	Percent
Total 1/	4,927	4,046	-17.9
Feed grains	882	1,269	43.9
Wheat/flour	1,622	1,251	-22.9
Oilseeds	435	279	-35.9
Cotton	287	237	-17.5
Rice	275	206	-25.1
Protein meals	371	204	-45.1
Vegetable oils	218	178	-18.3
Other	837	423	-49.5
Mexico	1,232	1,393	13.0
Algeria	539	658	22.2
Korea	536	518	-3.3
Iraq	920	410	-55.5
Pakistan	156	250	60.2
Egypt	350	199	-43.1
Other	1,194	617	-48.3

1/ Includes GSM-102 and GSM-103. Excludes leather and forest products.

Table 5--U.S. agricultural exports (\$ Million)

Commodity group	Nov	Dec	Jan	Year to date	Change from prev. year
					Percent
Total	3,500	3,164	3,218	12,965	-9.7
Live animals	35	64	51	277	31.4
Meat & preps	304	266	291	1,159	21.0
Dairy prod & eggs	30	26	30	115	-16.3
Animal fats	33	38	32	127	-23.1
Hides & skins	135	121	143	522	-10.1
Wheat	235	179	188	870	-38.2
Rice	73	77	51	286	-17.4
Corn	453	378	396	1,528	-43.9
Other feed grains	76	70	54	281	-23.6
Animal feeds	260	226	259	974	-2.1
Soybeans	399	343	360	1,295	-28.0
Vegetable oils	49	46	59	222	-9.9
Horticult. prods.	681	593	559	2,556	26.9
Cotton & linters	271	284	365	1,058	12.9
Tobacco, unmg.	181	193	116	597	14.6

Preliminary data.

Table 6--U.S. agricultural imports (\$ Million, Customs value)

Commodity group	Nov	Dec	Jan	Year to date	Change from prev. year
					Percent
Total	1,901	1,810	1,930	7,565	1.6
Live animals	126	117	105	452	24.2
Meat & preps.	253	239	229	983	7.3
Dairy prod, eggs	86	69	55	286	-16.5
Grains & feeds	117	102	89	433	1.2
Fruits & nuts	255	274	287	1,087	1.9
Vegetables	150	187	226	702	-11.6
Vegetable oils	55	61	62	249	0.6
Wine	127	78	56	388	-1.3
Malt beverages	79	64	53	277	11.8
Coffee	115	162	207	648	-7.4
Cocoa	81	80	101	346	12.5
Rubber, natural	69	64	51	231	-5.3
Sugar-cane & beet	70	38	73	238	45.5
Tobacco, unmg.	43	32	54	179	4.9
Seeds, flowers	73	56	62	251	5.8

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